approaches, it is likely that the requirement of funds would be lower than the assessment mady by the Majumdar Committee. No separate assessment has been made for literacy.

The TX Plan allocation for elementary education in the Central Plan was Rs. 11,842 crores. Besides this, provision of Rs. 4526.75 crores was made for the Mid Day Meal scheme. The allocation for year 2000-2001 has been fixed at'Rs. 3608.75 crores, which is 25% more than the expenditure for the year 1999-2000.

Literacy Rate in NER

7.13. SHRI PRAKANTA WARI.SA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheter, literacy rate in the NER is lower than in other States of the country.

(b) if so. tiie details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds granted by Government for this purpose in the cu..mtry particularly in the NER during the hist five years and till-date. district-wisc/year-wisc?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSIII): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The national literacy rate as per National Sample Survey Organization's 53rd Round Survey Report 1997 is 62%. As per this report State-wise literacy rates are Assam (75°/.), Arunachal Pradesh (60%), Manipur (76%), Mcghalaya (77%), Mizoram (95%), Nagaland (84%), Sikkim (79%) and Tripura (73%). Thus literacy rates in the NER, except for Arunachal Pradesh, are relatively higher than in other States of the country.

(c) A Statement mentioning the funds released to the North Eastern Region during the last five years for AE programme is enclosed. District-wise figures are being collected.

Statement

Funds released to the North Eastern States during the last fiveFinancia Years

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Arunachal Pradesh	25.63	20.72	3.67	_	—
Assam	361.09	197.27	86.97	195.61	254.99
Vlanipur	17.62	20.64	17.94	25.55	8.70
Mcghalaya	123.60	112.45	16.85	16.00	12.50
Mizoram	6.43	0.57	61.23	49.52	—
Nagaland	4"/. 81	56.90	32.36	27.89	—
Sifckim	—	11.22	—	—	—
Tnpura	0.10	4.73	4.00	61.32	10.00
TOTAL:	582.26	424.50	223.02	375.89	286.19

Privatisation of appointments in KVS

† 714. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether appointments in Kendriya Vidyalayas are being privatised under which appointment of fourth class employees is the beginning;

(b) if so, whether all types of appointments would be included in this, stating its impact on the fourth class employees already working;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.